

HOUSE BILL 2499

By Jones

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 10, relative to campaign finance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A state or local contractor or grantee shall not, during the period between the execution of the contract or award of the grant through the completion of the contract or grant period:

(1) Directly or indirectly make a contribution, or promise expressly or impliedly to make a contribution to a political campaign committee or a candidate or person for a political purpose or use; or

(2) Knowingly solicit a contribution from any person on behalf of a political campaign committee or a candidate or person for a political purpose or use.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Completion of the contract" means that the parties to the government contract have either terminated the contract prior to completion of performance or fully performed the duties and obligations under the contract, no disputes relating to the performance and payment remain under the contract, and all disputed claims have been adjudicated and are final;

(2) "Contractor" means a person, business, corporation, nonprofit organization, or other entity who enters into a contract with this state or a political

subdivision of this state, or a department or agency of this state or a political subdivision of this state, for the rendition of personal or professional services, the buying of property, or furnishing of any material, supplies, or equipment to this state or a political subdivision of this state, or a department or agency of this state or a political subdivision of this state, or selling any land or building to this state, this state or a political subdivision of this state, or a department or agency of this state or a political subdivision of this state, if payment for the performance of the contract or payment for material, supplies, equipment, land, property, or building is to be made in whole or in part from funds appropriated by the general assembly or legislative body of the political subdivision; and

(3) "Grantee" means a person, business, corporation, nonprofit organization, or other entity who receives a grant or subsidy from this state pursuant to an appropriations act.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.